

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] ~~The present application claims priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 from, and is a continuation-in-part of, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/336,274, filed January 3, 2003. The present application claims priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 from, and is a continuation-in-part of, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/336,706, filed January 3, 2003. The present application claims priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 from, and is a continuation-in-part of, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/403,652, filed March 31, 2003. The present application claims priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 from, and is a continuation-in-part of, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/403,640, filed March 31, 2003. The present application claims priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 from, and is a continuation-in-part of, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/426,587, filed April 3, 2003. The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) from U.S. Provisional Patent Applications Nos. 60/398,851 and 60/398,946, both filed July 26, 2002. This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/398,946, filed July 26, 2002, and is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/336,274, filed January 3, 2003, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/398,851, filed July 26, 2002, and is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/336,706, filed January 3, 2003, and is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/403,652, filed March 31, 2003, and is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/403,640, filed March 31, 2003, and is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/426,587, filed April 30, 2003.~~ All U.S. Patent Applications and U.S. Provisional Patent Applications mentioned herein are incorporated herein in their entireties by reference.

Application No. 10/625,449  
Preliminary Amendment dated September 5, 2003

REMARKS

Applicants have amended paragraph [0001] to place the benefit claim to prior applications in the form of a single sentence, and to correct the filing date of Application No. 10/426,587, to April 30, 2003.

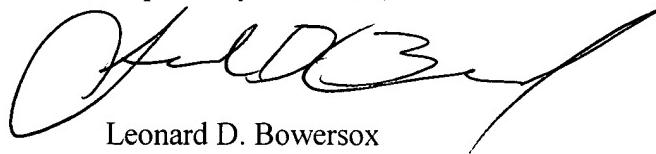
It is respectfully submitted that through an error without any deceptive intent, the filing date of Application No. 10/426,587, was incorrectly indicated as April 3, 2003. By way of the foregoing amendments, the filing date of Application No. 10/426,587, has been corrected to read April 30, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants' representative is desirable or required, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to deposit Account No. 50-0925. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to said Deposit Account.

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